Work Task B7:

Lakeside Rearing Ponds

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Purpose: Rear razorback suckers in isolated rearing ponds

along the Lake Mohave shoreline to contribute to the LCR MSCP Fish Augmentation Program.

Conservation

Measures: RASU3 and RASU5

Long-term Goal(s): Increase native fish production capabilities. The

Lake Mohave razorback sucker population is the brood stock for the Fish Augmentation Program. Maintenance of this population is dependent upon

the success of the Lakeside Pond operation.

Location: Lake Mohave

FY2006 Estimate: \$200,000 for Reclamation staff, travel, boat

maintenance, fuel and slip rentals to provide biweekly care of fish in these ponds from March to

November.

FY2007 Estimate: \$200,000. Same as previous year.

FY2008 Estimate: \$200,000. Same as previous year.

Project Description: This project is part of the Lake Mohave razorback

sucker repatriation program and provides for on-site conditioning of juvenile razorback suckers to local water quality and other environmental factors. This work began as the primary tool for accomplishing the repatriation program, prior to the involvement of

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery (1996). Target goal for FY2006 is 2,000 razorback suckers.